

Delegation of Kyrgyzstan

**CLOSING STATEMENT BY MS. LYDIA IMANALIEVA,
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Distinguished colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

We can look back on three months of extremely interesting work and unique experience for my country. It is now time to draw some initial conclusions on our Forum's work in 2012 and so on the outcomes of the work of the Kyrgyz Chairmanship.

Overall our work got off to a pretty smooth start in the new year, and I am sure that the incoming Latvian Chairmanship and our colleagues from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will pick up the baton admirably, hopefully resulting in proposals for the delegations to bring forward during the year, leading up to the Dublin Ministerial Council meeting.

As the First Deputy Minister of Defence of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Zamir Suerkulov, noted at the start of the Kyrgyz Chairmanship in January this year, the Vilnius Ministerial Council decisions relating to our Forum have guided our work and the preparation of this year's work plan by the Forum Chairs in close co-operation with our Latvian and Macedonian colleagues. At this juncture the effective role and contribution of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) Support Unit also deserve a mention.

The following priority areas of work for the Chairs were identified:

- Further activities to implement the Vilnius Ministerial Council decisions that pertain to our Forum;
- Promotion of further discussion within the Security Dialogue of current security issues;
- Continuation of measures to implement existing documents and discussion of possible new initiatives on confidence and security-building measures and the Vienna Document, (VD) small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, the Code of Conduct, non-proliferation and implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540;

- Finding ways to assist in the implementation in the OSCE area of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and related resolutions on gender and security.

This annual work plan was agreed on with the OSCE participating States.

In order to structure the work in these areas, the Kyrgyz Chairmanship extended the mandates of the co-ordinators for SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, the Code of Conduct and the Vienna Document and also appointed new co-ordinators for the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and for preparations for the forthcoming Annual Security Review Conference. Therefore we have taken previous work further and started some completely new initiatives to find ways in which the Forum could assist in the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and related resolutions on gender and security.

The Code of Conduct co-ordinator is also carrying out preparatory work for the annual discussion on the Code, planned for 11 July 2012.

In accordance with our programme, various presentations were also made in the course of the dialogue on security issues.

Specifically, the Deputy Director of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), General Alexei Kruglov, gave a presentation to the Forum on the SCO's counter-terrorism activities, with a subsequent meeting between the high representative of the SCO and the staff of the OSCE Department to Address Transnational Threats. I hope that such contacts will lead to closer co-operation between our organizations on the fight against terrorism.

Ambassador Sune Danielsson also gave a presentation to the Forum on the activities of the Wassenaar Arrangement Secretariat, which flagged up opportunities for closer co-operation on non-proliferation between the Forum and the Wassenaar Arrangement Secretariat. The presentation once again demonstrated the significance of the Wassenaar Arrangement in ensuring transparency and liability in the transfer of conventional arms and dual-use goods and the exchange of information within the framework of that document to ensure reliable export controls on such materials, which in turn will help to prevent a destabilizing accumulation of such ammunition. I cannot be mistaken in saying that a closer dialogue between Secretariats of the OSCE and the Wassenaar Arrangement would be mutually beneficial and useful in identifying areas of complementarity and co-operation.

I also note with particular satisfaction the presentation of the draft national plan of the Kyrgyz Republic on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540. Here I must stress that this is a voluntary step that bears witness to our country's attention to this issue and our willingness to work on it.

A presentation was also made on the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme by Deputy Defence Minister Colonel Rifet Kosovac. Delegations had the chance to convince themselves of the significant role the OSCE plays in relation to SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition and of the progress made by Montenegro on reducing surplus ammunition and obsolete weapons.

Overall, in view of Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/11, the Chairmanship paid special attention to issues and projects related to SALW and stockpiles of conventional

ammunition. Such projects were implemented as a matter of routine during our Chairmanship, partly thanks to the engagement of the participating States. Again, the presentation on the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme is a confirmation of this.

However, one of the most serious problems in this area continues to be funding, which future Chairmanships must not lose sight of.

As distinguished colleagues are aware, a review meeting on the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW will take place in Vienna on 22 and 23 May 2012, and on 24 May an expert meeting on the management of stockpiles and surpluses and the reduction and destruction of ammunition. With the Forum's consent, the Chairmanship has invited the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to this event.

An important event during the Kyrgyz Chairmanship was the 22nd Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) on 6 and 7 March. The Forum made a decision on the agenda and arrangements for that event. Overall, the AIAM provided an opportunity for fruitful and useful discussion as well as an impetus to continue to update the Vienna Document and proposals on improving the implementation in the OSCE region of the confidence and security-building measures set out in the Document.

The event was chaired by the delegations of Estonia and Finland, which, pursuant to a decision, provided information to the Forum and prepared a summary report.

Also during the Chairmanship, discussions were launched on the Forum's contribution to the forthcoming Annual Security Review Conference. The Chairmanship distributed the terms of reference document to inform our co-ordinator's work in this area. Today, during an extraordinary meeting of Working Group B, a consensus was reached and a letter to the Irish Chairmanship approved, in which the Forum recommends the adoption of a decision on the dates of the Conference.

Furthermore, in line with the work plan, work was done during the Chairmanship on finding ways for the Forum to assist in the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and related resolutions, pursuant to Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/11. Consequently, the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, Ms. June Zeitlin and the Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in the OSCE, Ambassador Miroslava Beham, made statements, which led to interesting and noteworthy proposals. An understanding was reached in the framework of the Troika that consideration of those proposals needs to be resumed later this year. In that connection, I hope that in consultation with the participating States and with the help of our Co-ordinator, the incoming Chairmanships will arrive at concrete proposals on the Vilnius decision by the end of the year.

As you will recall, at the start of our Chairmanship we noted the importance of sustaining the momentum in updating the Vienna Document 2011. We can confirm that a consensus is near on the draft FSC VD Plus decision on prior notification of major military activities. We hope that a decision will be taken in the first few weeks of the Latvian Chairmanship.

Distinguished colleagues,

The aforementioned events bring the action plan of the Kyrgyz Chairmanship to an end. The incoming Chairmanships will of course have to step up their work as the Ministerial Council meeting in Dublin draws nigh. The Kyrgyz delegation is already standing ready to provide every assistance within the framework of the Troika to the excellent incoming Latvian Chairmanship team. This concludes our Chairmanship work.

I should like to express my sincere thanks to the delegations that helped our Chairmanship. Our dynamic co-ordinators were very helpful and also informed the Forum of our progress in the areas we were concentrating on. Special thanks are due to the head of the FSC Support Unit, Mr. Matthew Geertsen, and his outstanding team. I am also grateful for the advice from the delegation of Kazakhstan as it leaves the Troika and welcome the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia into the Troika.

I should like to express my gratitude to Conference Services who have been consistently at our side at all plenary and working group meetings, and our interpreters for their excellent work. All that remains is for us to hand over to our Latvian colleagues. Distinguished Ambassador Apals, the Forum has picked up speed and looks forward to your successful Chairmanship. We are blessed in having a lifebelt and a “Kamcha” riding whip from our Irish and Kazakh friends.

As the Forum has become home to many of us, I should like to present you with a small yurt, representing harmony in the home. I hope that since our organization is unique in its principle of consensus, this will help us to maintain the harmony that ultimately lends a positive impetus to our work. Ambassador Apals, given the Chairmanship’s impressive range of attributes, I believe we can expect outstanding success from you.

Thank you for your attention.